



The Bodhisattva s Brain: Buddhism Naturalized (Paperback)

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MIT Press Ltd, United States, 2013. Paperback. Condition: New. Reprint. Language: English . Brand New Book. Can there be a Buddhism without karma, nirvana, and reincarnation that is compatible with the rest of knowledge? If we are material beings living in a material world -- and all the scientific evidence suggests that we are -- then we must find existential meaning, if there is such a thing, in this physical world. We must cast our lot with the natural rather than the supernatural. Many Westerners with spiritual (but not religious) inclinations are attracted to Buddhism -- almost as a kind of moral-mental hygiene. But, as Owen Flanagan points out in *The Bodhisattva s Brain*, Buddhism is hardly naturalistic. In *The Bodhisattva s Brain*, Flanagan argues that it is possible to discover in Buddhism a rich, empirically responsible philosophy that could point us to one path of human flourishing. Some claim that neuroscience is in the process of validating Buddhism empirically, but Flanagan s naturalized Buddhism does not reduce itself to a brain scan showing happiness patterns. Buddhism naturalized, as Flanagan constructs it, offers instead a fully naturalistic and comprehensive philosophy, compatible with the rest of knowledge -- a way of conceiving...

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